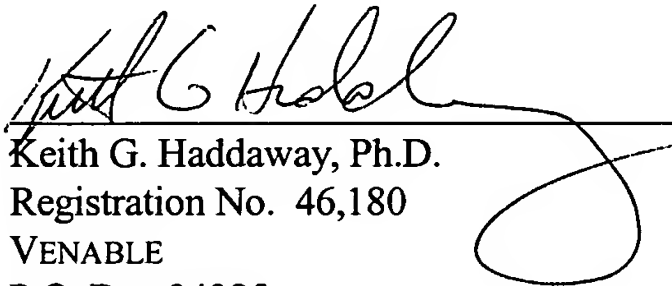


REMARKS:

Applicants respectfully request prompt and favorable examination on the merits. Should the Examiner have any questions which might be amenable to a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact undersigned counsel to discuss such issues. If any fee not otherwise provided with papers accompanying this amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account No. 22-0261, and notify undersigned counsel accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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